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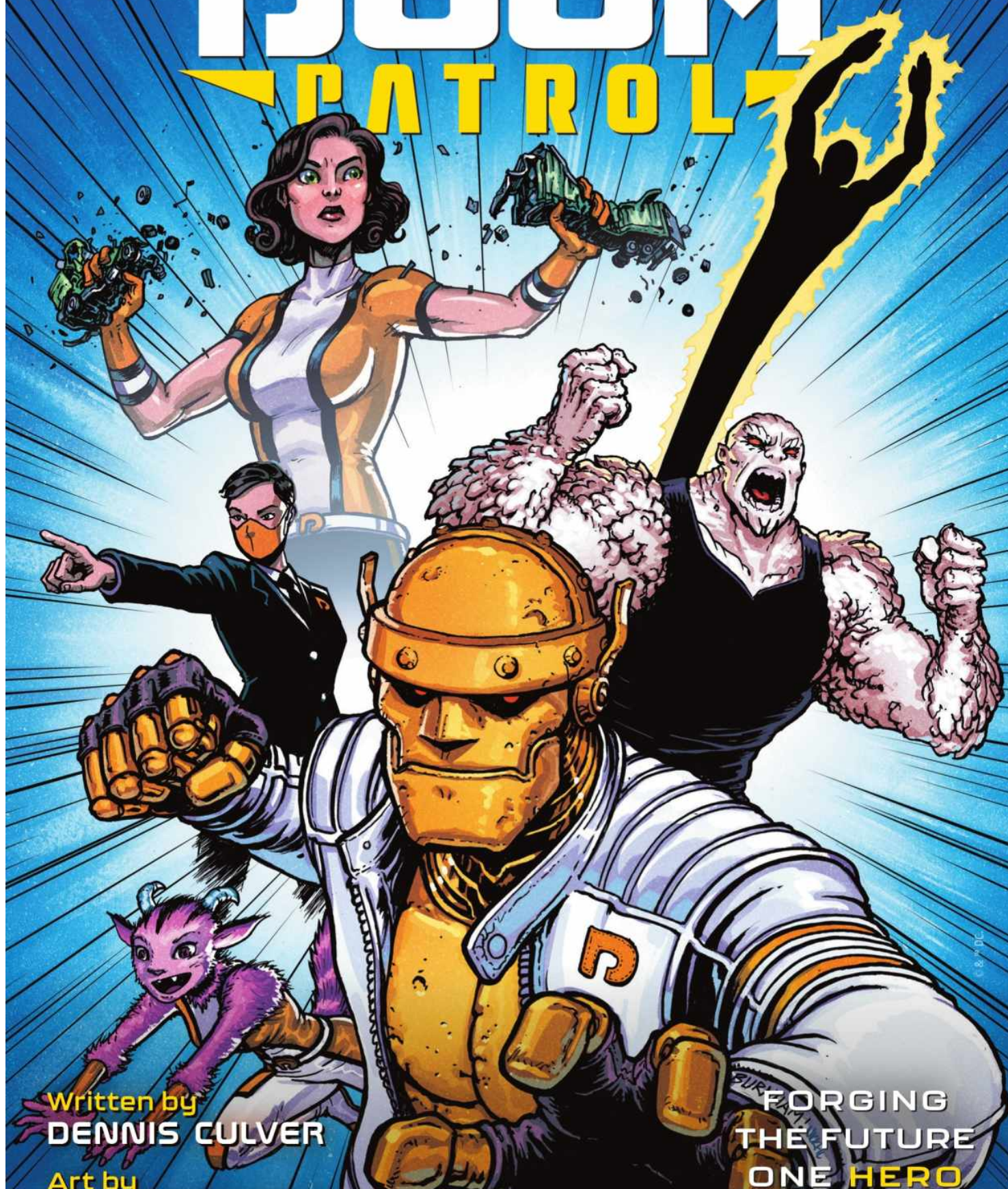


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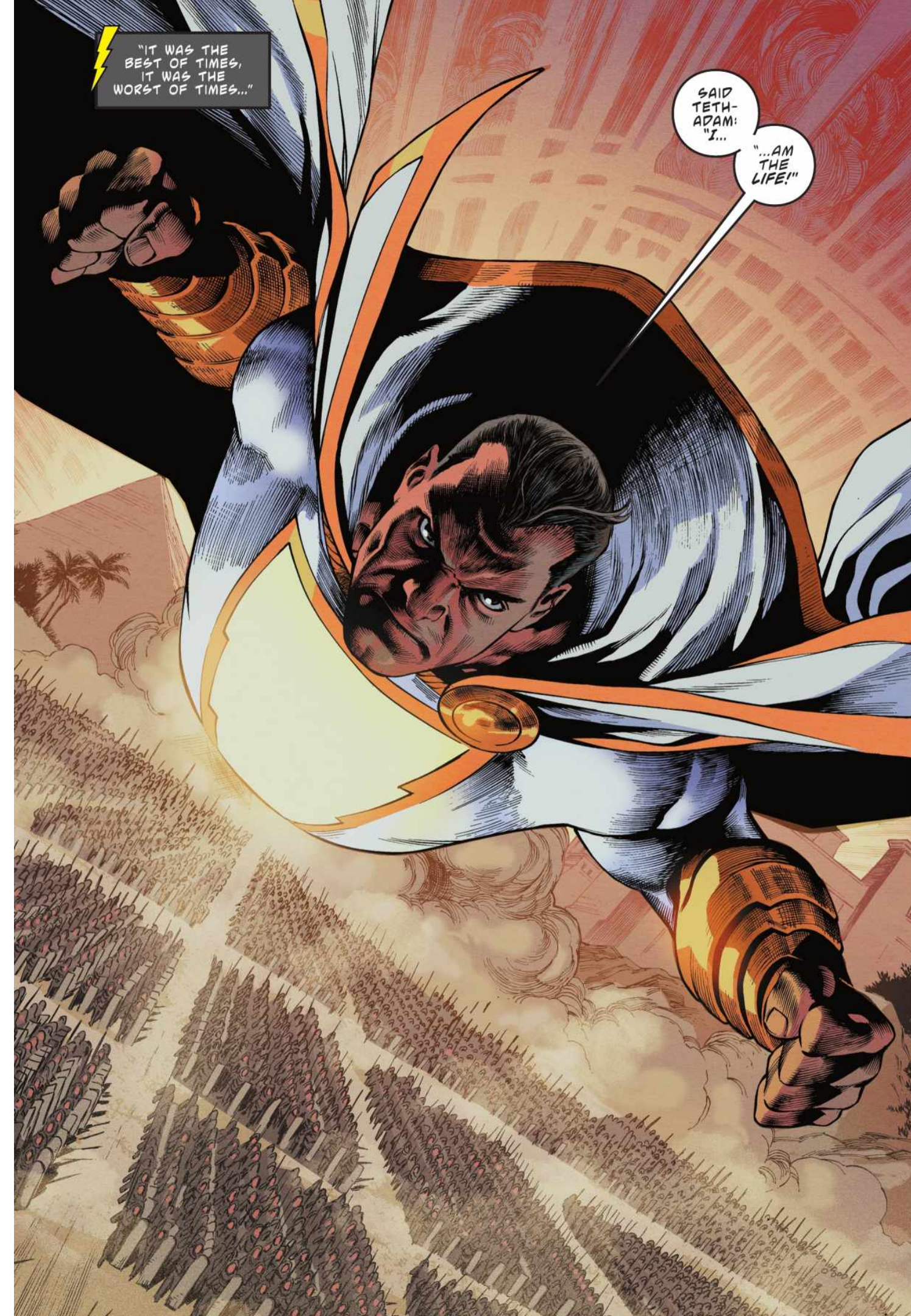
UNSTOPPABLE
DOOM
PATROL



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FORGING
THE FUTURE
ONE HERO



"IT WAS THE
BEST OF TIMES,
IT WAS THE
WORST OF TIMES..."

SAID
TETH-
ADAM:
"I..."

"...AM
THE
LIFE!"



"THE OLD KINGDOM WAS
SEIZED BY SOCCERERS
AND WIZARDS.

"DARK MAGIC
RULED UNSEEN REALMS,
BIRTHING MONSTERS
AND DEMONS.

"OUR 'ENLIGHTENED'
MODERNITY CAN NOW
RATIONALIZE SCIENTIFIC
EXPLANATIONS FOR AT
LEAST SOME OF IT.

"FOR ME, IT WAS
ENOUGH TO SEE TOWERING
HULKS LEADING
A BARBARIAN HORDE."

JUSTICE
OR
DEATH!

BLACK ADAM **FALL** **EAST OF EGYPT**
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"JUSTICE
OR
DEATH."

...
...IT
WAS A
COOL
SLOGAN.

"For All and None"

PALACE OF
THE SHAH

SHIRUTA,
KAHNDAG



MIGHTY
ADAM WAS
PRETTY BAD
AT SE-
MANTICS...

...CONFUSING
"JUSTICE"
WITH
VENGEANCE".

FOOLISHLY...
SOMEHOW
HE
BELIEVED...

...IF HE
JUST KILLED
ENOUGH OF
THE RIGHT
PEOPLE...

...HE COULD
MAYBE BUY
BACK HIS
HUMANITY...



...
...THE
FIGHT WAS
ABOUT
WATER.



"IN THE DESERT,
THEY WERE ALL
ABOUT WATER.

"ABOUT WHO
SURVIVED AND
WHO DIDN'T.

"CONTROL THE
WATER AND YOU
CONTROLLED
THE WORLD"



⚡ "NIETZSCHE BELIEVED MORALITY IS INSEPARABLE FROM THE CULTURE THAT VALUES IT. A SLAVE DEVELOPS A SLAVE'S MORALITY, A REACTION TO OPPRESSION CHARACTERIZED BY PESSIMISM AND CYNICISM.

THE POWER OF SHAZAM WAS GIVEN TO A SLAVE WHO WANTED TO FORGIVE. IT WAS STOLEN BY A SLAVE WHO WANTED ONLY VENGEANCE.

MIGHTY ADAM SERVED TWENTY-TWO PHAROHS BEFORE MURDERING THE TWENTY-THIRD. PHAROHS ENSLAVED AND OPPRESSED WHILE ADAM BELIEVED HIMSELF A LIBERATOR, EMANCIPATOR OF A WORLD FROM THOSE WHO WOULD ENSLAVE IT.

HIS BEST INTENTIONS BLINDED HIM TO THE OBVIOUS: ONCE A SLAVE, ALWAYS A SLAVE. THE SLAVE MIND--PARANOID ISOLATION, MISTRUST, A CRIPPLING SENSE OF INFERIORITY--DROVE HIM TO EVER DARKER PLACES SEEKING SOMETHING HE'D NEVER--"



...FIND...



...
...YOU'RE
VERY
QUIET.



SO
I'VE
BEEN
TOLD.

DIDN'T
MEAN TO
STARTLE
YOU.



I'M NOT
A GUY WHO
GETS
"STARTLED."

TALK
TO HIM.

I'VE GOT
CALLS TO
MAKE--

LORD
THEO...



...I
BELIEVE
THIS
BELONGS
TO YOU.



ACTUALLY, IT BELONGS TO HIM.

WE THINK THERE'S A CONNECTION TO THE PLAGUE...

...MALIK MAY BE SUFFERING WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS.

OUR DOCTOR SUGGESTS WE LEAVE IT IN PLACE UNTIL WE KNOW MORE.

...YOU DON'T APPROVE.

OF THE RING.

OF ME.

NOT MY PLACE TO APPROVE OR DIS-APPROVE.



I CAME TO THE KAHNDAQI EMBASSY TO RETURN YOUR SIGNET.

I WAS LED INTO A ROOM THAT TURNED OUT TO BE A TRANSPORTER...

...AND WHISKED HALFWAY ACROSS THE GLOBE. NO PASSPORT.

SOME MIGHT CALL THAT "KIDNAPING."

MY FAMILY ESCAPED OPPRESSION, SIR.



IS THAT WHO I AM... AN OPPRESSOR?

THE PROTESTERS OUTSIDE YOUR GATES BURNING YOUR EFFIGY SEEM TO THINK SO.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I THINK OUR FRIEND IS SICK.

MAYBE WE SHOULD FOCUS ON HIM.





"Romulans"
LINWOOD
WASHINGTON, D.C.
SOUTHEAST





"The Widow"



ONI GRACE.

I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAD AN APPOINTMENT.

I'M SURE WE DID. ONE LONG OVERDUE.

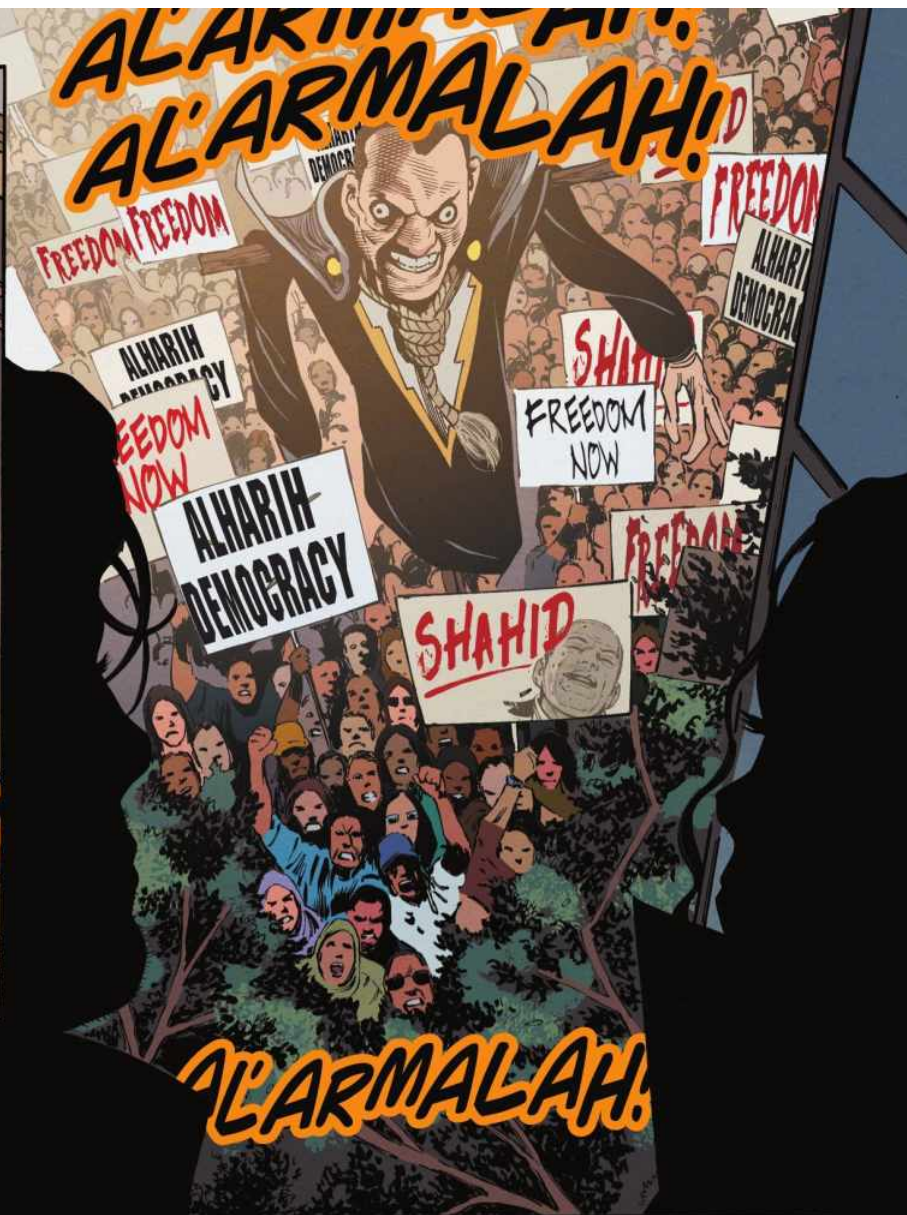
MY MOURNING PERIOD IS OFFICIALLY OVER, THEO.

I'M READY TO MOVE ON.

MOVE ON...TO UNSETTLE KAHNDAQ.

YOU AND WHAT ARMY?

I DON'T NEED AN ARMY, THEO...



"...HAVING USURPED A PHARAOH,
MIGHTY ADAM QUICKLY LEARNED WHAT
A BURDEN IT WAS TO RULE.

"The Overcoat"

THE WILDERNESS
EAST OF EGYPT
2325 B.C.

"IMMORTALITY...
IS LIKE A HEAVY
WINTER COAT.

"A WEIGHT AND
A CHORE TO BEAR.

"EVEN THE
GREAT ADAM,
SLAYER OF
PHARAOHS...

"...LONGED
FOR HIS FRAIL
HUMANITY.

"AND SO HE BUILT A
MONUMENT TO HIMSELF
IN THE WILDERNESS
EAST OF EGYPT.

"A PLACE
OF PEACE...

"...WHERE HE COULD LAY
HIS IMMORTALITY DOWN..."

SHAZAM!

KRAAAA-KOOOOOM!

"TETH-ADAM RUINED HIS
LEG ESCAPING SLAVERY...

"...A DISABILITY THAT MIGHT HUMBLE HIM,
WERE HE CAPABLE OF BEING HUMBLLED.

"BAMESSES, THE PHARAOH



...ALL LIES, "SAID TETH-ADAM."

YOU NEVER "SAID," YOU COULDN'T HAVE "SAID"...

...IF WE ARE TO PRE-SUME...

...THEO AND TETH-ADAM ARE ONE AND THE SAME.



MIGHTY ADAM WAS BANISHED FROM THE EARTH IN 2325 B.C....

...CENTURIES BEFORE ANY OF THOSE PEOPLE WERE BORN.

REALLY?

AND WHO TOLD YOU THAT?

SOME-ONE WHO WAS THERE...



--MmFfphh--?!



HELLO, SLAVE.

--?!

WELCOME BACK TO SLAVERY...

WHAAAAM!

...YOUR
MASTER
GREET'S
YOU.

**IBAC
LIVES.**

MMMWWAAAAAGGHHH!

BET
YOU CAN
STILL
FEEL THAT
BLADE.

AMBUSHED
BY
A MAN
DEAD 200
YEARS...

...OR
SO THE
STORY

...EITHER
THEO ADAM
IS A
COMPLETE
FRAUD,
OR...

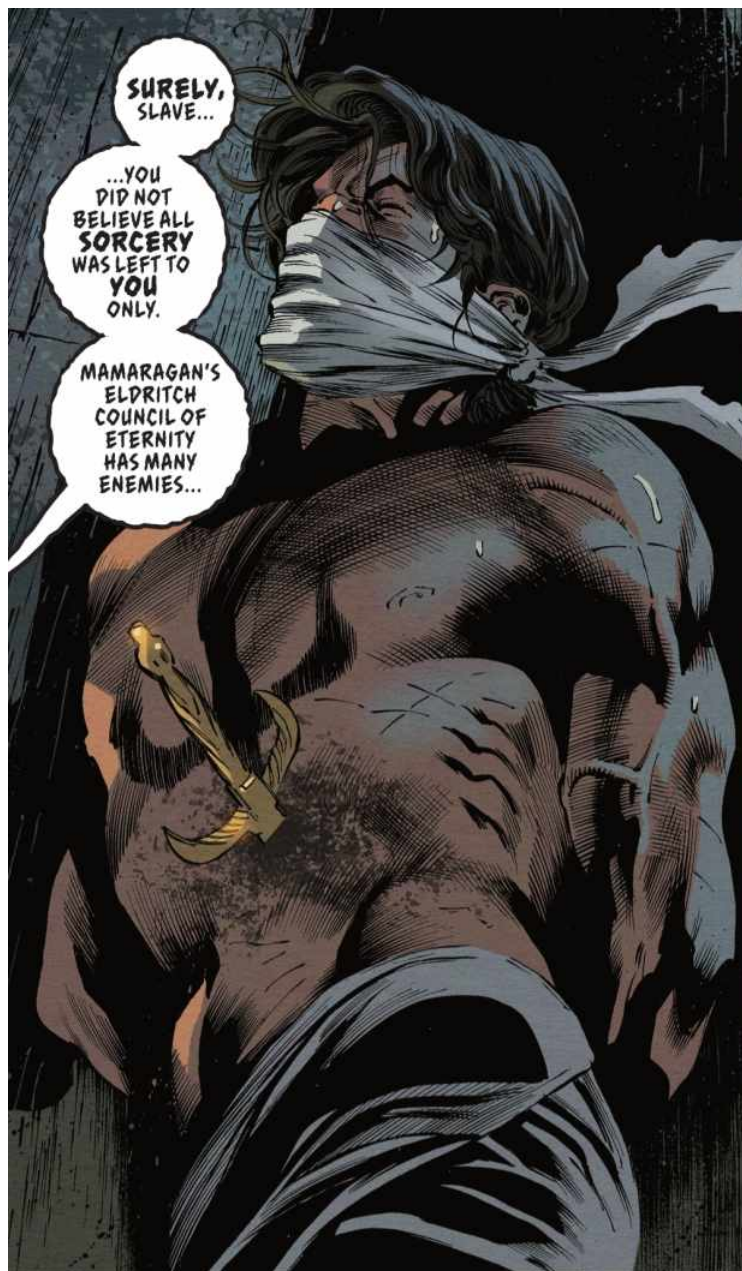
...THERE'S
A GREAT
MYSTERY
TO BLACK
ADAM.

IBAC, HE'S
ALIVE?
YOU'VE SEEN
HIM?

HE
IS. I
HAVE, OF
COURSE...

...WE
ARE ALL
LIARS, THEO.
"HIS"
STORY...

...IS
SHAPED
BY THE
TELLER...



SURELY,
SLAVE...

...YOU
DID NOT
BELIEVE ALL
SORCERY
WAS LEFT TO
YOU
ONLY.

MAMARAGAN'S
ELDRITCH
COUNCIL OF
ETERNITY
HAS MANY
ENEMIES...



...WHO
BETTER
SHOULD
THOSE DARK
FORCES RAISE
FROM THE
DEAD...

...THAN
THE SLAVER
OF THE
COUNCIL'S
SO-CALLED
"CHAMPION."

YOU,
SLAVE, ARE
MY
PROPERTY.
AND I--



WILL
DO AS
YOU ARE
TOLD,
IBAC...

...LEST
WE
RETURN
YOU TO
DUST.

...?!
Mm Mfpph--!



HELLO.

YES, I,
MERERUKA,
SPEAK
FOR THE
CIRCLE OF
CROWS...

...MINIONS
OF THE
NTH
WORLD.



LIKE IBAC,
MIGHTY ADAM
SHALL
SERVE
US...

...OR
NOT.

I
VOTE
"NOT."

IGNORANT
LOUT.

WAIT
OUTSIDE.



VERY
WELL,
VIZIER...

...I
SHALL
YIELD TO
THE
CROWS...

WHAAAM!



...FOR THE
MOMENT...



...I DO
SO HATE
DEALING
WITH THE
HELP...

...NOW
THEN...



...IBAC IS
A SLAVER.
WE HAVE
PROMISED
HIM
SLAVES...

...A
NATION
OF
THEM.

YOU,
HOWEVER,
HAVE
ANointed
YOURSELF
"PHARAOH"...



...AN OFFICE
FOR WHICH
YOU ARE
WHOLLY
UNsuITED.

...STAY
WITH
ME...

SMK
SMK

EVIDENCED
BY THIS,
YOUR
SECRET
ENCLAVE...



...IN THIS
GODS-FORSAKEN
WASTE-
LAND.

LUCKILY,
I HAVE A
SOLUTION
TO YOUR
PROBLEMS!

DECLARE
ME
PHARAOH
AND
LIVE.



REFUSE
AND DIE
IN THIS
MOMENT.

SWEAR
FEALTY
TO ME, DO
IT WITH
YOUR
EYES...

KRAAKK!



"LIKE
ALL
SLAVERS..."

"...IBAC
WASN'T
TERRIBLY
BRIGHT."

"SMASHING
THE MARBLE
TO THE
FLOOR..."



SHAZAM!



"...SCREWED
UP MERERUKA'S
PERFECTLY GOOD
PLAN."

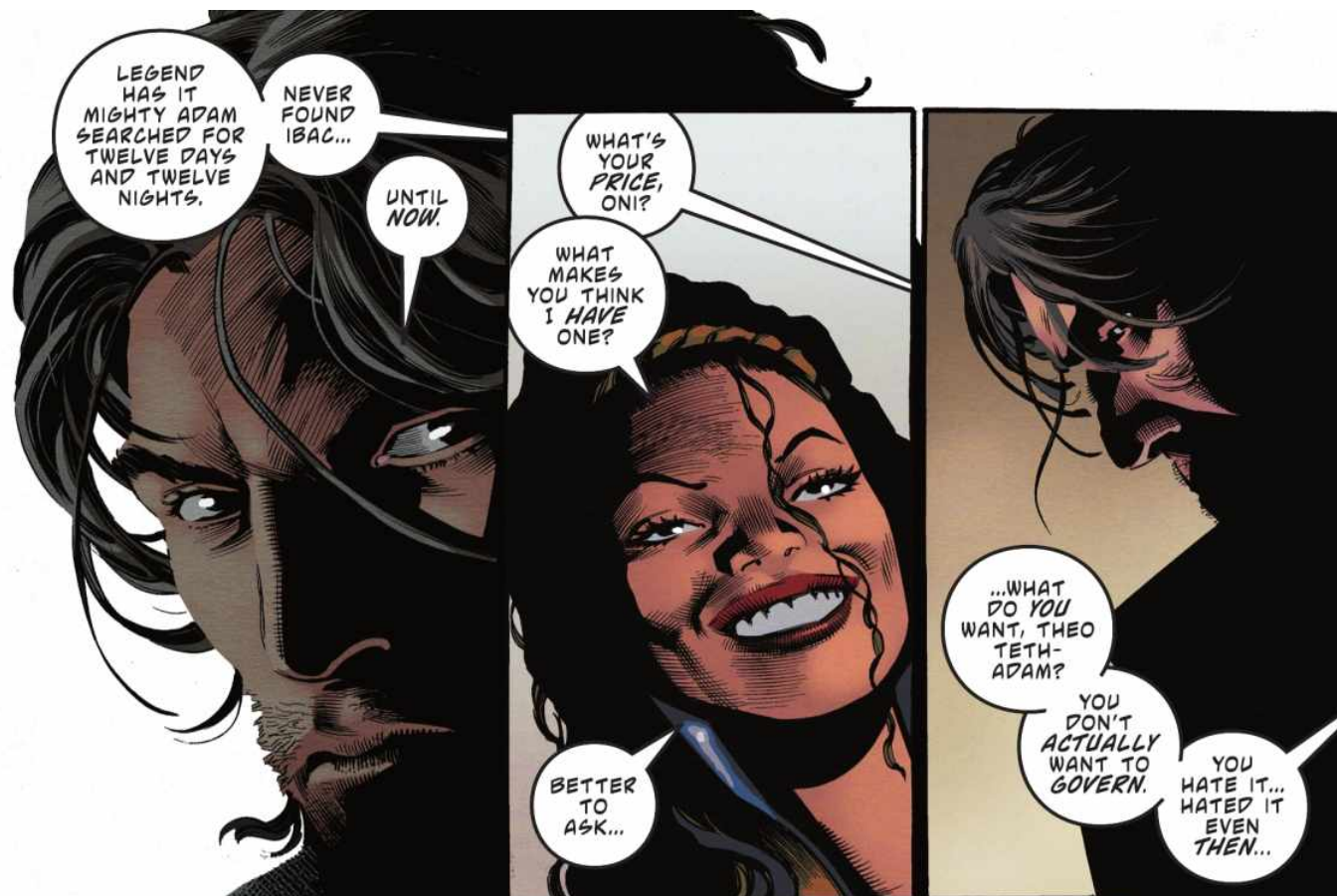
"YOU'D
CERTAINLY
KILL HIM,
BUT..."



"...FIRST
THINGS
FIRST."

IBAC!
IBAC!

**SHOW
YOURSELF,
DAMN
YOU!**



LEGEND HAS IT
MIGHTY ADAM
SEARCHED FOR
TWELVE DAYS
AND TWELVE
NIGHTS.

NEVER
FOUND
IBAC...

UNTIL
NOW.

WHAT'S
YOUR
PRICE,
ONI?

WHAT
MAKES
YOU THINK
I HAVE
ONE?

BETTER
TO
ASK...

...WHAT
DO YOU
WANT, THEO
TETH-
ADAM?

YOU
DON'T
ACTUALLY
WANT TO
GOVERN.

YOU
HATE IT...
HATED IT
EVEN
THEN...



...BUT
HIS SEVEN
FLOCKS ARE
CONSTANTLY
MINGLED
WITH MY
FIVE...

...ONLY
FIVE, GREAT
PHARAOH...
'TIS
UNFAIR--

"YOU MUST HAVE
ASKED YOURSELF, 'WHY DID
I TAKE THIS JOB...?'"

"LUCKILY FOR YOU."



YES,
YES...WHAT
IS YOUR
TRIVIAL,
INCONSEQUEN-
TIAL
GRIEVANCE...?

SPEAK
UP, OLD
MAN...GET
ON WITH
IT.

THE
BOY.



BOY?
WHAT
BOY?

THE
SLAVE
OF
IBAC...



YOU
KNOW
OF
IBAC?!

TELL
ME WHERE
HE HIDES!
TELL ME
NOW, OLD
MAN--!

I
WILL
TELL YOU
OF
IBAC...



...IF YOU
TELL
ME...

...OF
AMAN.

"MERERUKA'S CIRCLE
OF WITCHES..."

"...UNDERESTIMATED IBAC.

"FOR YEARS IBAC HAD
ROAMED THE UNTAMED WILD...
FOLLOWED MIGHTY ADAM..."



"...HE-WHO-
SLEEPS'..."

"...THE WIZARD
MAMARAGAN."

I
WAS A
FOOL.

I
REPEAT-
EDLY ASKED
ABOUT THE
BOY...MY
CHOSEN
CHAMPION...



...AND
BELIEVED

" INCLUDING



...THE COLD.
IT'S WHAT I REMEMBER...

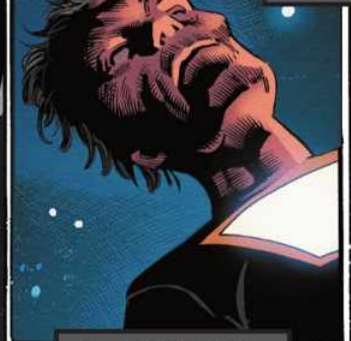
...ADRIFT...
FOR YEARS...

"STILL, MAMARAGAN'S
MAGIC PERSISTED...
SUSTAINING ME.



"OR,
PERHAPS, IT
WAS SIMPLE
HATE.

"HATE FOR
MAMARAGAN,
HIS COUNCIL,
HIS...



...CHAMPIONS...

"DRIFTING THROUGH
A NEBULA...

"...I 'BREATHED' IN
TENS OF THOUSANDS
OF ALIEN MICROBES...



"...IGNITING THEIR
SENTIENCE."



...THE
AKKAD.

THEY
LEFT ME
SOMETHING...
TO REMEM-
BER THEM
BY.

"WE...
ARE
COMING..."

AFTER
"MIGHTY
ADAM"
ASCEND-
ED...

...THE
FAITHFUL
BEGAN MAKING
PILGRIMAGES TO
HIS WILDERNESS
FORTRESS.
RATHER
LIKE GRACE-
LAND.

FLEEING
THE
SASSANIDS,
TENS
OF THOUSANDS
ULTIMATELY
FOUNDED A
NATION ON
THE SITE.

THIS
ONE...
KAHNDQA.
THE
PEOPLE,
THEO...

...THEY
THINK
YOU'RE
A
PROPHET.

THAT
YOU AND I
ARE LOVERS...
THAT YOU
HAD SHAKUR
NASSAR
KILLED.

A
NARRATIVE
THAT DEEPLY
INGRAINED IS
FAIRLY
IMPOSSIBLE
TO DISPEL--



"THE
PEOPLE"...
"THE
PEOPLE"...

THE
PEOPLE
ARE
IDIOTS.

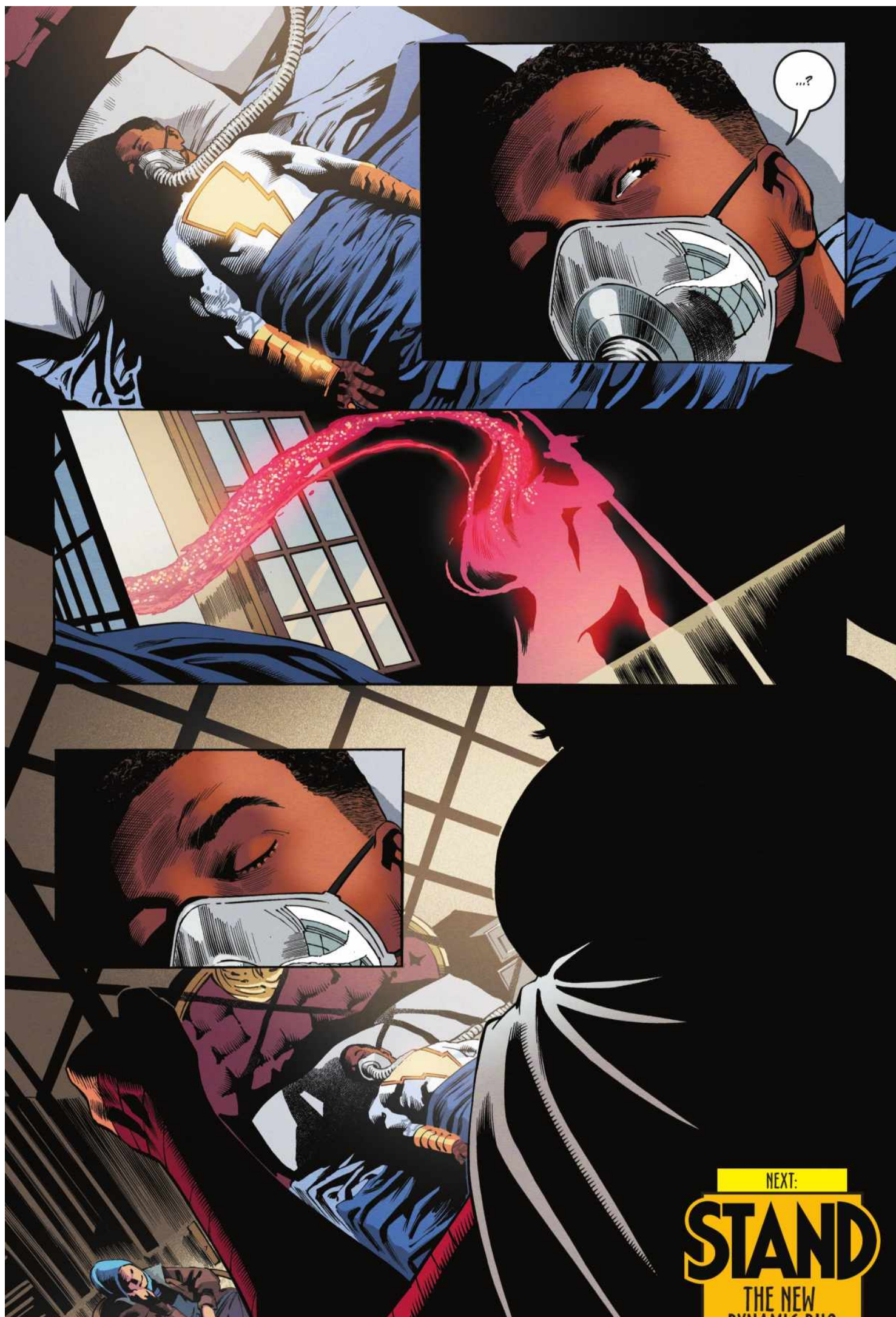


GULLIBLE,
BLIND
FOLLOWERS
OF
LUDICROUS
TRIBAL--

YOU
PEOPLE
ARE
IDIOTS.*



MY
ARABIC
IS
FINE.



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DYNAMIC DUO



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HELEN MIRREN

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FURY OF THE GODS



You play the character Hespera, one of the villainous Daughters of Atlas. Who are they in the film?

Hespera is a sort of powerhouse goddess. I have two sisters in the film played by Lucy Liu and Rachel Zegler. They're back on Earth to reclaim their powers that were taken from them by the Wizard, and the goddesses want to make sure that this power is used correctly.

What leaped out to you about the part when you first read the script?

Well, I love playing goddesses. I liked Hespera's seriousness, and I tried to play it as straight as possible. I kept saying to myself, "Shakespeare, Helen, you're playing Shakespeare." You need to treat this material with the sort of thought and respect that you approach Shakespeare with. The costume is full of solid pieces, and I have to say it's incredibly heavy, but it's spectacular, so I'm happy to wear it. The costume is a massive part of the whole thing.

Why do you think audiences connect with the Shazam family?

It's what I loved about the first *Shazam!* film and why I happily signed up to be in the sequel. I love the idea that these outcasts at school, the kids who are bullied, are the ones who land with these incredible powers. I loved the concept of these kids becoming beautiful superheroes. Every time you see a little kid running around with a tea towel as a cape and you know they're a superhero in their imagination—I loved that the first film used that idea. It's very sweet and funny at the same time, so I was very happy to be in the second one.

Can you talk about the magical elements in the film?

We have it all. It's a combination of mythological ideas and imaginary creatures...which will all make an appearance in our movie. It's sort of a combination of elements from all the mystical, magical films you've ever seen. Even dragons make an appearance! I'm very jealous of my sister who gets to ride one in the film.

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